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"CHURCHANITY."**A Paper Read Before the Preachers' Meeting****AT BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH****Monday Morning, November 16th, 1896, by Rev. J. T. Jenifer, B. D.**

In the fast young age in which we are living, so rapidly are new schemes devised and new inventions brought out, looking in the older editions of our lexicons you fail to find their names, so you are obliged at times to invent a name. Hence failing to find my subject in a Lexicon of the day I have invented one—Churchanity—the good and the bad.

I have called it churchanity because primarily it has more to do with extraneous temporal economy than with spiritual administrations.

With a few exceptions the outlook of African Methodism in some sections of our country is not as prosperous, not as promising as it used to be.

There is a decline in spiritual life and interest for soul-saving in the churches—a falling off in the numbers of conversions and in the accessions of members. The Methodist class meetings are waning in power and the weekly prayer meetings have been abandoned in many of the churches. And nearly everything we open appears to be burdened with weariness.

But the financial necessities must be met all the same, and how shall we meet them?

We must find expedients to meet the emergencies. The Shushash kings of Egypt have taken away the shields of gold from the treasury of the Lord prepared by the Solomon, so we poor Rebohoma must provide brazen shields in their stead. 1 Kings, xiv, 27. Hence, to meet these demands, the churches are compelled to substitute for the higher motives for giving, self-sacrifice and Christian benevolence the so-called innocent amusements, usually the parents of "no harm sin."

With these needs come such as the roulette wheel, and prize games, dances and school and tail parties "for the Church." Liquor tables with soft-drinks and dime museum dramas.

These images of the gaming and of the drinking saloon are carried on in the sanctuary of the Lord, and these sacred (?) theatricals are performed upon His sacred altar.

It has become so much the custom of the world looks for the shelter of the sanctuary of the Lord, and these sacred (?) theatricals are performed upon His sacred altar.

Hence it is that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble; the Lord will preserve him and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth, and he shall not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him on the bed of languishing; thou shall be watered in his sickness. Psalms xli, 1.

Trust in the Lord, and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fat. Psalms xxxvii, 3.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled and thy water shall be watered, and thy water shall be watered also himself. Prov. xviii, 17.

And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul, then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday; and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in the drought, and make fat thy bones, and thou shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring a spring whose waters fail not. Isa. lviii, 10.

Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse, that they may be meat in mine house; and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devils for your sake, and he shall not destroy you, and he shall not destroy thy fruit before the harvest, saith the Lord.

Take some missionary periodical—nothing better than the "Voice of Missions"—thoroughly acquaint yourself with the work of the Lord and the work of the church entailed.

Now it has come that the purposes of the class meeting are being directed and the burdens of leaders made more irksome by making them money gatherers instead of the trustees. Lo, there are but parts of the evils, something is wrong; wrong in method, wrong in spirit, wrong in practice.

I trust you will not think me peevish because I look at facts as they are. I am sure that thirty-four years' toil under these burdens and these things look ought to argue my sympathy with my brethren in these conditions.

But we seem to toil but gain not; to sow but reap no adequate returns. Everything is in debt and there is much spiritual drouth.

The evils above mentioned are general, as well as local in their results. Fifteen hundred applications for financial aid for struggling churches are on file in the Church Extension Office at Philadelphia.

The secretary, Dr. Shaffer, told the writer, on Wednesday, November 4th, that \$50,000 would not supply the needs.

I have selected one of our churches in ten chief cities, whose aggregated mortgaged debts were found to be \$191,000, at 6 per cent per annum, which amounted to \$11,460. Four of these churches were carrying \$30,000 each, or over. What do you suppose is the amount of interest paid annually on the mortgaged indebtedness of the entire church and property.

II.

But I fancy that you are saying, "You have shown us the evils, what remedies have you to offer?"

Before attempting to erect at Jerusalem a Temple to Jehovah they had

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Establishing a Precedent.

"That gas bill is a dollar higher than ever before," he said.

"I know it, my dear," she replied. "But you know one of the children was sick and we burned more gas than usual."

"Oh, I suppose it can't be helped," he returned, regretfully. "It does seem though, if everything was conspiring to bankrupt me."

"A dollar isn't much," she protested.

"Of course not," he admitted, "but if you had been paying the gas bills as long as I have you'd realize what it is to establish such a precedent as this. That one bill will put us in a new class at the gas office, and they'll make their estimate upon a new basis. I don't believe they'll ever let us get back to the old figure again." —Chicago Post.

To Pay a Penalty for Dining
at rather hard, isn't it? For many years I compelled to do this after every meal. Dyspepsia, that inexorable passenger, never ceases to torment of its own volition, and rarely yields to ordinary medication. But tranquility to the mind and body is the result of a course of Rochester's Stomach Bitters. This corrective also remedies malari and kidney trouble, rheumatism, constipation, biliousness and nervousness.

Aberdeen, England, has a blind mayor. Quite a number of American cities seem to be in the same class.

Dobkin's Electric Soap has been made for 35 years. The cost of a bar of soap is 25 cents and it weighs 5000 lbs. Superior quality and absolute uniformity and purity, made this possible. Do you use it? Try it.

An Illinois farmer sold his wife for \$10. When must be pretty hard to live in that country.

How's This?

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Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children, sooths the gums, reduces inflammation, relieves pain, cures colds. A bottle.

Pills' Cure cured me of a Throat and Lung trouble of three years' standing.—E. C. D. Huntington, Ind., Nov. 12, 1894.

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is mystery to thousands of people who have the taint of malaria in their blood. For this terrible affliction there is no remedy equal to

Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. cure. Lives like easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

Not on the Right Track.

"I'm getting a little weary of this talk about a chainless bicycle," said the park policeman.

"Don't you think there's anything in it?" asked the man in the golf suit.

"There may be," answered the park policeman, "but it certainly is not the crying need of the hour."

"What would you consider more important?" demanded the man in the golf suit.

"A voiceless bicyclist," responded the park policeman, and friends of the man in the golf suit noticed that it was nearly fifteen minutes before he yelled at someone to get out of his way, and that it was fully two hours before he again attempted to descend on the beacons of bicycles of any particular make. —Chicago Post.

A Horse of Another Color.

Deacon Johnson—Do you think you could support my daughter of yester year?

Jim Jackson—Suttinly.

Deacon Johnson—Hab you eber seen her eat?

Jim Jackson—Suttinly.

Deacon Johnson—Hab you eber seen her eat when nobdy was watchin' her?—Tit-Bits.

THE CHANGE OF LIFE.

INTELLIGENT WOMEN PREPARE FOR THE TRYING ORDEAL.

A Time When Women Are Susceptible to Many Dread Diseases.

The anxiety felt by women as the "change of life" draws near, is not without reason.

When her system is in a deranged condition, or she is predisposed to apoplexy, or con-

gestion of any or-

gan, it is at this

period likely to

become active

and with a host of

nervous irri-

tations, make

life a bur-

den. Can-

cer often

shows

itself, and

does its de-

structive work.

Such warning symptoms as of

suffocation, headache, dread of impending

evil, timidity, sounds in the ears,

palpitation of the heart, sparks before

the eyes, irregularities, constipation,

variable appetite, weakness and in-

quietude, dizziness, etc., are promptly

headed by intelligent women who are

approaching the period in life where

woman's great change may be expected.

Thousands at this critical time consult

Mrs. Pinckham, and conduct their habits

according to her advice,

and with the Vegeta-

ble Compound go

through that dis-

tressing time with

perfect safety and

comfort. Mrs. W.

L. Day, of Bett-

erville, Ohio, says:

"When

all else failed, Lydia

E. Pinkham's

Vegetable Compound saved my life.

It carried me through the change of

life all right, and I am now in good

health. It also cured my husband of

kidney trouble."

M. FISON'S CURE FOR

Scrofula, Rheumatism, Coughs, Colds, &c.

TOUR THROUGH THE EAST.

Some of the Men—The West—Receipts of the Department.

THE WORK OF THE WOMEN.

The Future Success of Missions—Attestation to the South, the Land of Flowers.

More than eight months ago we left Wilmington, North Carolina, for New York City, to take charge of the Missionary Department of our Great Church, the affairs of which had been conducted, for the past eight years, in Room No. 61 Little House, by Dr. Wm. B. Derrick, who now occupies a place in the House of Bishops in our beloved Zion.

Enroute, we stopped over in Washington City with Bishop Armstrong; then on to the West, where we were welcomed by the good Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon, the great orator of the race, Dr. Wm. B. Derrick, who now occupies a place in the House of Bishops in our beloved Zion.

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